

## **STATEMENT OF PURPOSE**

### **RS21557**

This bill provides additional funding to support the efforts of the Constitutional Defense Council authorized in Section 67-6301, Idaho Code. The Council consists of the Governor, President Pro Tempore, the Speaker, and the Attorney General. The Council, in the name of the state or its citizens, may examine and challenge by legal action, legislation or any other legal means: 1) federal mandates; 2) court rulings; 3) authority granted to, or assumed by, the federal government; 4) laws, regulations and practices of the federal government; 5) any other activity that is deemed appropriate by the council; 6) notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, the council may hire legal counsel for the purpose of this chapter and may utilize staff and resources within state government.

### **FISCAL NOTE**

This bill appropriates and transfers \$500,000 from the General Fund to the Constitutional Defense Council Fund at the beginning of fiscal year 2013. These funds are continuously appropriated and expenditure is subject to the approval of the Council.

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